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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 3 to claim 1 since claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stürmer. Examiner states that the rotating part or actuating element 3, 3a of Stürmer includes element 12, 12a. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Ring 12, 12a is not an actuating element, but rather a fixed, *nonrotatable* extension of the cylindrical extension 2, 2a of the housing 1, 1a. Ring 12, 12a attaches removably to the housing 1, 1a, forming a flange to axially retain the actuating element 3, 3a. Accordingly, actuating element 3, 3a rotates relative to both the fixed housing 1, 1a and the fixed ring 12, 12a. Therefore, Stürmer fails to disclose a second latching element arranged directly on the actuating element as claimed in claim 1. For this reason, this rejection of the claim 1 should be withdrawn.

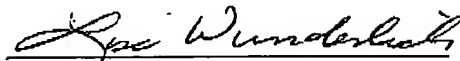
Claims 2, 4 and 5 were rejected as claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Since claims 2, 4 and 5 depend directly or indirectly from and contain all the limitations of claim 1, they are felt to overcome the obviousness rejection in the same manner as claim 1.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

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